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In re Application of

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DECISION

This decision is in response to applicants' "Request to Correct Filing Receipt" submitted 08 June 2000 which has been treated as a petition under 37 CFR 1.181 and is hereby **GRANTED** as follows:

The date in the filing date portion on the filing receipt of a national stage application is the date upon which applicants complete the requirements under 35 U.S.C. 371(c). See section 1895.01, A. Filing Date as Applicant's Date of Invention, Manual of Patent Examining Procedure (MPEP), pg. 1800-122 (Rev. 1, Feb. 2000)(see also MPEP 1893.03(b)).

A review of the above-captioned application reveals that applicants completed all 35 U.S.C. 371 requirements for national stage entry on 18 February 2000 when they submitted an executed declaration in compliance with 37 CFR 1.497(a) & (b). Moreover, the DO/EO/US mailed a Notification of Acceptance of Application under 35 U.S.C. 371 (Form PCT/DO/EO/903) on 05 April 2000 listing a 35 U.S.C. 102(e) and 371(c) date of 18 February 2000. Thus, the filing date of "03/18/2000" appearing on the Filing Receipt mailed 03 May 2000. It is also noted that the International Filing Date appearing on the Form PCT/DO/EO/903 should be listed as 28 January 1999, not 18 January 1999.

Accordingly, the filing date portion of the filing receipt should properly indicate a date of <u>18 February 2000</u>. This application is being forwarded to the United States Designated/Elected Office for preparation and mailing of a corrected Notification of Acceptance of Application under 35 U.S.C. 371 (Form PCT/DO/EO/903) and filing receipt.

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